

United States District Court  
STATE AND DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

Case Number:

V.

MICHAEL DENNIS STANKE

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I, ATF Special Agent Liane Sellner, being duly sworn state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

On or about March 8, 2012, in Hennepin County, in the State and District of Minnesota, defendant Michael Dennis Stanke, after having been convicted in Ramsey County in 2000 of crimes punishable by more than a year in prison, specifically First Degree Assault and Aggravated Robbery in the First Degree, knowingly possessed, in and affecting interstate commerce, a Norinco, model 213 9mm handgun, bearing serial number 304729,

in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section(s) 922(g)(1) & 924(e).

I further state that I am a Special Agent and that this Complaint is based on the following facts:

SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT

Continued on the attached sheet and made a part hereof: ☒ Yes ☐ No



Signature of Complainant

Liane Sellner

ATF

Sworn to before me, and subscribed in my presence,

5/17/12

at

Minneapolis, MN

City and State

Date

The Honorable Franklin L. Noel  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Name &amp; Title of Judicial Officer

Signature of Judicial Officer

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STATE OF MINNESOTA )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN )

AFFIDAVIT OF LIANE SELLNER

I, Liane Sellner, having been duly sworn, hereby depose and state the following:

1. I have been employed as a Special Agent (SA) with the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives ("ATF") for eight years, and am assigned to the St. Paul IV Field Office in St. Paul, Minnesota. ATF Special Agents are authorized to investigate violations of firearms laws and related crimes.

2. This Affidavit is submitted for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause in support of issuing an arrest warrant for MICHAEL DENNIS STANKE for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § § 922(g)(1) and 924(e). This Affidavit is based on my personal knowledge, as well as information I have learned from other law enforcement officers and my review of reports and other materials. This Affidavit does not include all of the details I have learned during this investigation, it merely includes information believed to be sufficient to establish probable cause.

3. Just before midnight on March 8, 2012, a Minnetonka police officer on routine patrol ran the license tag for a Geo Prizm driving eastbound on Highway 7 in Minnetonka, Minnesota. The officer learned that the car had been reported as stolen.

4. The officer, who was in a marked patrol car, followed the Prizm to a gas station just off Highway 7 in Minnetonka. There was one person in the car, the driver MICHAEL DENNIS STANKE. STANKE stopped the car at a gas pump and opened the driver's side door. STANKE staggered and appeared to be drunk. STANKE initially ignored the officer's commands to show his hands. Ultimately, officers took STANKE into custody without incident.

5. In plain view on the front passenger seat of the Prizm was a loaded Norinco, model 213, 9mm handgun bearing serial number 304729. That handgun was manufactured outside the State of Minnesota and necessarily crossed state lines to have been found in STANKE's possession on March 8, 2012.

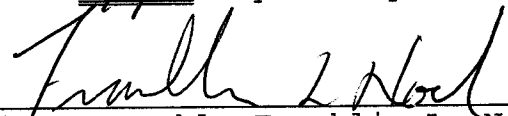
5. In two separate cases in 1989, STANKE was convicted in Ramsey County of the felony offense of Burglary in the Third Degree. In 1993, STANKE was convicted in Ramsey County of the felony offense of Fleeing Police in a Motor Vehicle. In 2000, STANKE was convicted in Ramsey County of two felony offenses: Assault in the First Degree and Aggravated Robbery in the First Degree.

6. As set forth above, there is probable cause to believe that on or about March 8, 2012, STANKE violated 18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(1) and 924(e) by possessing the Norinco, model 213, 9mm handgun bearing serial number 304729.

Further your affiant sayeth not.

  
ATF Special Agent Liane Sellner

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me  
this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012.

  
The Honorable Franklin L. Noel  
United States Magistrate Judge